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SUBJECT: CZECH REPUBLIC DOES NOT SUPPORT IRANIAN PROPOSAL  
AND CONCURS WITH LATEST REVIEW OF BACTERIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN  
WEAPONS PROHIBITIONS

11. The Czech MFA delivered the following diplomatic note  
(#116851/2007-OSN) to Embassy Prague on May 25, 2007.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic  
presents its compliments to the Embassies of the Russian  
Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern  
Ireland and the United States of America, as Depositary  
Governments of the Convention on the Prohibition of the  
Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological  
(Biological) and Toxin Weapons and their Destruction, opened  
for signature at London, Moscow and Washington on 10 April  
11972.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic recalls  
that the Sixth Review Conference of the above-named  
Convention took note of the proposal made in August 2006 by  
the Islamic Republic of Iran to amend Article I and the title  
of the Convention to include the word "use" and encouraged  
States Parties to convey their views on this to the  
Depositaries. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech  
Republic further recalls that the Islamic Republic of Iran  
submitted this same proposal in 1996.

The Czech Republic does not support the proposal for an  
amendment and regards such an amendment as unnecessary. The  
Czech Republic concurs with the Final Declaration of the  
Sixth Review Conference that "use by the State Parties, in  
any way and under any circumstances, of microbiological or  
other biological agents or toxins, that is not consistent  
with prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes, is  
effectively a violation of Article I".

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic avails  
itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its  
highest consideration.  
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